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TRANSPARENT TRANSPORT OVERHEAD MAPPING

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mapping operation maps identified bytes of a transport overhead of a data stream to other unused areas of the overhead. A de-mapping operation maps the bytes mapped by the mapping operation back to the locations from which the bytes were moved.

10 A passing operation is used to handle data stream transitions in which multiple tributaries are multiplexed into or out of a single connecting data stream.

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